

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – BASIC (EMT-B)

<b>Certifying Authority</b>	<b>Steve Mercer</b> <b>Bureau of Emergency Medical Services</b> <b>Iowa Department of Public Health</b> <b>Lucas State Office Bldg</b> <b>321 E 12th St</b> <b>Des Moines IA 50319-0075</b> <b>Phone: (515) 725-0322</b> <b>Fax: (515) 725-0318</b> <b>E-mail: smercer@idph.state.ia.us</b>
<b>Legal Authority</b>	Code of Iowa 147A
<b>Job Description</b>	An emergency medical technician-basic (EMT-B) examines and assesses the patient, recognizes signs and symptoms regarding illness or injury, and uses proper procedures to render basic emergency medical care. Paid positions are available in the state of Iowa.
<b>Education &amp; Experience Required</b>	An applicant must be at least 17 years of age, proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English, and must have successfully completed a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). He/she must have a minimum of 118 classroom and clinical hours, ambulance/rescue field experience hours as may be required by the training program, and must successfully complete a state written and practical exam.
<b>Continuing Education</b>	Twenty-four hours of continuing education are required biennially for certification renewal as well as having a current CPR course completion card.
<b>Examination</b>	Applicants must pass a written and practical examination approved by the state.
<b>Fees</b>	Application: \$20 Duration: Two years Renewal: None Exam: \$20 – National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians \$20 – Iowa Department of Public Health
<b>SOC Code, Title, &amp; Avg. Hourly Wage</b>	29-2041 - Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (\$10.88)
<b>Number of Licenses Issued</b>	Total number of certificates active as of December 31, 2003: 6,664 2002: 6,549 2001: 6,582